

## Boyology

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**BOYOLOGY!** Have you ever heard of it? No! It is the oldest as well as the newest of the many varieties of "ologies." It is boy analysis. It is not an accurate science, for the subject—the boy—is as changeable as a chameleon or as fickle as the proverbial flea.

Analysis has revealed the fact that a healthy, normal specimen of a boy is made up of 50 per cent noise and 50 per cent dirt. The boy who is never noisy and never gets dirty is abnormal, and should be taken to a physician at once. From the moment of his entrance upon the stage of life until the final exit, noise is a part of man's normal make-up. Observe a group of small boys playing baseball—three-fourths of the time is spent in noisy scrapping. The individualistic instincts are in control. Team work is a dormant quality.

The high school boy has organized his noise into a school yell which spurs his team on to victory. Individualism is being merged into the larger group of humans. What would the Harvard-Yale football game be without noise, without its cheering sections, without its battery of cheer leaders? Noise is psychologically necessary to the success of the game.

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**I**F, however, a nervous, grouchy father happens to come home in the evening, and this small edition of noise has on hand an unexpended surplus and happens to give even as much as a "yip," at once there is an explosion on the part of father, and the boy is suppressed.

Again, if the boy should happen to be in one of his rare moods of quiet, mother anxiously inquires: "What is the matter, Charlie, you're so quiet? Don't you feel well?" If he is noisy, he is called down; if he is quiet, he causes anxiety! What is a boy to do?

Well, he instinctively seeks the gang, that coterie of sympathetic souls who have many secrets, numerous codes of mysterious signs and calls, and whose loyalty is the admiration of all social service experts and church workers. More opportunity at home for sane expression and less insane repression would save many boys from the evil influence of misled gangs.

When the home-coming of father becomes an event to be hailed with delight instead of anticipated with fear, there will take place a wonderful change in our rapidly deteriorating American home life. Making a living has become so problematic that many fathers are failing to make a life, either for themselves or their boys.

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**L**IFE, to-day, is speeded to the six-cylinder capacity. The noise of the exchange or the rumble of machinery causes a certain kind of irritability, which, unfortunately for the small boy, is carried home.

Will the time ever come when father can close his office door at night and say: "Good night, business, you can't go home with me. I have a boy there who needs me more than you do. So long until morn-

ing"? Or the industrial worker lay down his tools at the close of the day's work, and say: "Good night, old pard, here's where we part! The kids at home are looking for their dad. I'll see you in the morning"?

When that time comes, home, be it ever so humble, will become the sweetest place on earth, instead of a place of jars and contentions.

As goes the home so will go the nation, for desertion of home ideals means, sooner or later, a desertion of national and religious ideals. No city, state, country or church will rise any higher in its ideals than the ideals of the home.

Not all homeless boys live in the slums. The most homeless boy in the world is the boy who, from the moment of his birth, is put into the hands of a nurse, from there to the governess, from a governess to a private tutor, from a private tutor to a private school, from a private school to a private camp, then on to college; plenty of houses to live in, but no home. Money can buy him luxuries and conveniences and a following, but not that genuine heart-love which only a mother and father can supply.

Parental delinquency is responsible for juvenile delinquency. Ninety per cent of the babies who die in the foundling asylum die, not from the want of food and careful nursing, but from the lack of "mothering," that peculiar something which mothers alone can furnish.

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**B**OYS and dirt have an affinity for each other. The short-trousered boy looks upon soap as an oppressor. He can never be accused of wearing out doormats, for he is an expert in doormat evasion. Mothers worry over the dirt he brings into the house, and carpets show the effect of his hard usage.

Boys are more valuable than carpet. If the latter wears out it can be replaced or done away with, but a lost boy is a different proposition. Many a boy has been driven away from his home because of the continual war waged with broom and duster. When he enters into the long-trouser period the scene changes. It is difficult now to keep him away from the mirror. In fact, he carries a small one in his pocket. How important becomes the crease in the trouser leg and the "turnup" at the bottom!

It is at this period that he confuses manishness with manliness. He is inclined toward the vices rather than the virtues. Father should now be his chum and deftly steer him clear of the shoals of life. Most all the crimes—not the darkest or the deepest, but the most—are committed during the years of adolescence, from twelve to twenty years. It is significant that conversion is greatest during this period.

To capture and harness these two elements, noise and dirt, and to make the first serve as an active element in doing good, and the second as a motive for civic cleansing, for there is "dirty dirt," or putrid, or "clean dirt," or honest sod—is the aim of all "boyologists."

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## U.S. ARMY SHIP RACES TO PORT WITH A GALE

Transport Thomas Arrives From  
Manila After Combating Heavy  
Seas Most of the Way

700 ENLISTED MEN ABOARD

Officers Landed in San Francisco  
to Report and Be Assigned  
for Duty at Various Points

### Along the Water Front.

The United States Army transport Thomas, Captain M. W. Healey, raced into port from Manila yesterday accompanied by a moderate gale from the sou'east. According to the passengers and officers of the troopship the weather was "nasty" throughout the voyage. No typhoons were encountered, but the terrific storms usual off the China coast at this time of the year had spent their force in several places before the vessel arrived there and the resulting seas caused the Thomas to roll freely.

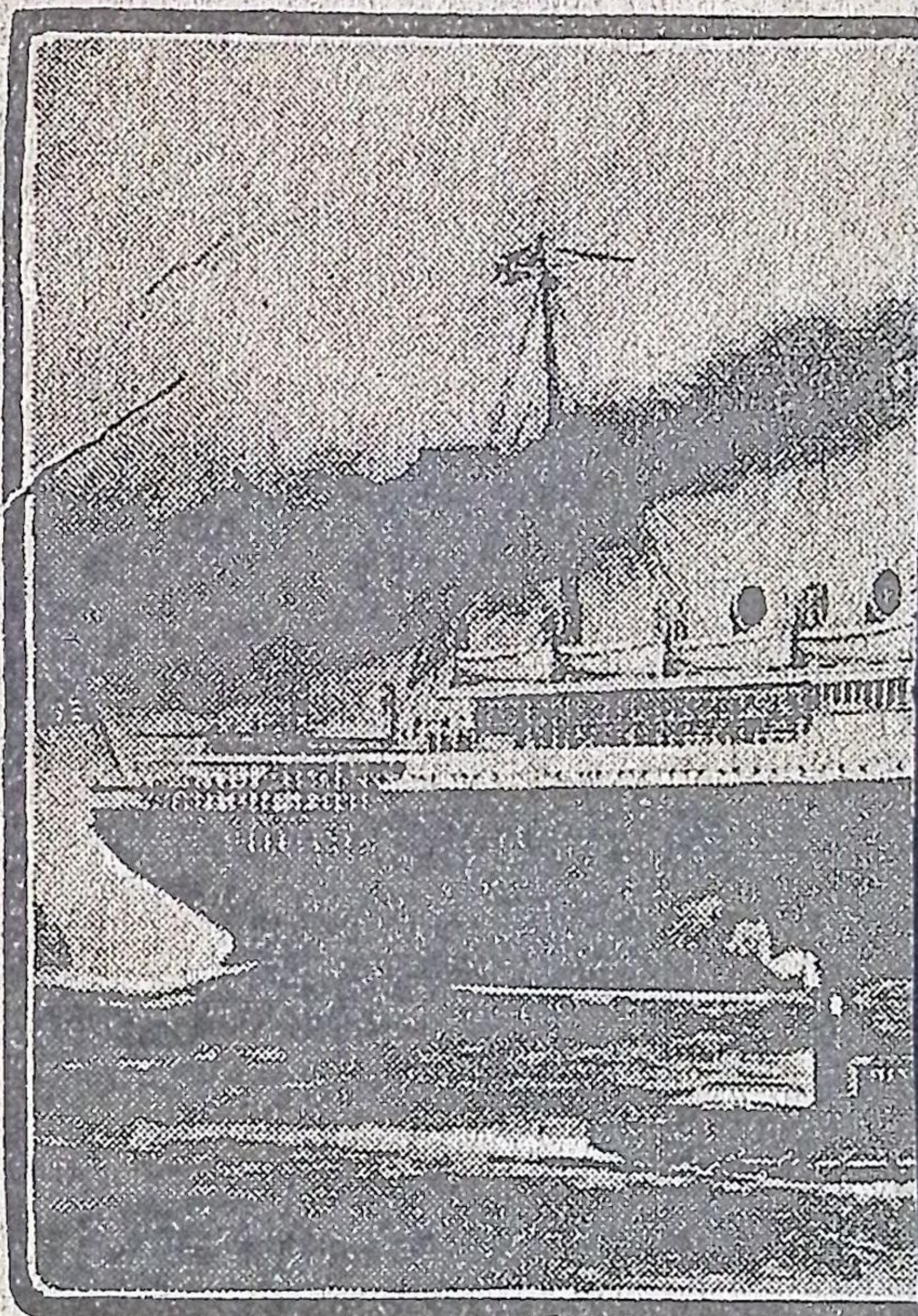
The transport brought a fair list of army folk in the cabins, but the passenger list, was light, there being only 700 enlisted men and casuals quartered below the saloon deck. Most of the officers have come to report for orders and these were eager to get ashore and ascertain where they are going. Despite a heavy swell rolling in from the Golden Gate, Captain Healey managed to make a good berthing at the Fort Mason docks.

### STORM SIGNALS FLYING.

Storm signals are flying along the entire California coast and indications are that the sou'easter which blew yesterday will continue to-day at least. The bar began to break badly yesterday afternoon and when Captain Carlson of the Pacific Mail steamer San Juan had steamed far enough out to get a good look, he concluded to return to port until the conditions for passing to sea were more favorable.

In the event of the bar smoothing down about midnight, the San Juan will then go to sea and proceed to Balboa and Mexican ports. Ordinarily the transports are taken right into port through the middle channel. Yesterday Captain Healey concluded it best to come in through the north channel.

STEAMSHIP GREAT NORTH  
which will leave the East for  
twenty-four knots an hour, has a  
Astoria, Oregon, and San Francisco  
at the Cramps shipyards in Phila.



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Cal. E. Stone, general traffic manager for the Hill steamship interests, arrived in San Francisco from New York yesterday.

The last time Stone was here, several months ago, was as a representative of his native State at the exposition, when the Minnesota building was dedicated.

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concerns contend that the maritime importance of this port is becoming more pronounced because of the cheap fuel oil of the grade necessary for the Delsel engines and that this item is becoming the chief inducement in addition to freights for including San Francisco as a terminal or port of call.

### CAPTAIN CARTER HONORED.

Captain Ed Carter, who is the night skipper of the police launch Patrol, has been honored with the thanks of the officers of the cruiser West Virginia for his performance last Friday morning in saving four of the blue jackets from probable drowning in the bay. During the severe gale which swept over the local waters at 3 a. m., Carter ventured in the Patrol and rescued the men, who were adrift in one of the big gasoline launches.

When the wind began to blow hard an officer on deck instructed the men to take the launch to a dock and thus avoid the possibility of

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